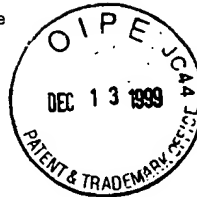


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In re Application of: Clarkson et al.

Group Art Unit: 2771

Serial No.: 09/431,566

Examiner: Not Assigned

Filed: October 29, 1999

Docket No.: 1273/12

For: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR BUILDING AND DISTRIBUTING AUDIO PACKAGES

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING
PARTS - FILING DATE GRANTED**

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Sir:

Pursuant to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted" dated November 29, 1999, and having a period for response set to expire on January 29, 2000, please find enclosed herewith the following:

1. Original executed Declaration for the above-referenced U.S. Patent Application;
2. Original executed Assignment for the above-referenced U.S. Patent Application, together with the Assignment recordation cover sheet; and
3. A check in the amount of \$170.00 representing the surcharge fee (\$130.00) and the Assignment recordation fee (\$40.00).
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Respectfully submitted,

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- ☒ is missing or unsigned.
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☐ 4. The signature(s) to the oath or declaration is/are by a person other than inventor or person qualified under 37 CFR 1.42, 1.43 or 1.47.

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☐ 6. A \$50.00 processing fee is required since your check was returned without payment (37 CFR 1.21(m)).

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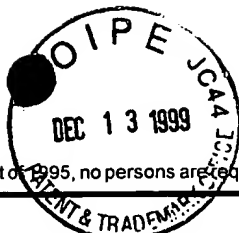
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